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The Annual TABA Parade of Homes is scheduled for May 13-15 and 20-22, 2011. There are twelve homes on tour this year ranging from 2300 square feet to over 5,000 square feet and are located in Temple, Belton and Salado.

Homes will be open from 6pm-8pm on the Friday evenings of the event and from 12pm-5pm on the Saturday and Sunday's. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under cost \$2 (babies in arms are free). Tickets are available to purchase at any home on tour or can be purchased at the Dead Fish Grill in Belton. Tickets allow purchaser unlimited viewing for all six days of parade. The Parade Magazine will appear in the Friday, May 13th edition of the Temple Daily Telegram and will also be available at any home on tour.

This is TABA Builder's premier event where they put their best foot forward to show our community what is available for them; showcasing many price ranges and styles, there will be something for everyone to see. Interactive maps of the parade tour will be available on our website so please be watching.

We want to give special thanks to our Event Sponsor - Central National Bank as well as to our other show partners, Temple Daily Telegram, Tri-Supply, Heart of Texas Landscaping, Texas Bright Ideas, Knife River and Keene Roofing. Their continued generosity and support allows us to bring this event to our citizens year after year.

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**Director of
 Government Affairs**
Blair Anderson

TABA Members—

It's been a busy month and I want to thank everyone for volunteering their time and technical expertise as we continue to work on a variety of issues thru the Government Affairs Committee. It has been great to see some new faces and reconnect with some veterans at our monthly meetings. I have to admit that some days I did feel guilty because many of you were "living" at the TABA offices, but the items we covered over the last month were very time sensitive. I appreciate your commitment to the TABA team, especially knowing you are an entire volunteer army who are also navigating some very tricky times for your private businesses. For those hours you weren't here, hopefully you had the chance to enjoy Bloomin' Temple and all the activities going on in April. I had the chance to volunteer for a few days, and it was great to see many of our elected officials and TABA members out having a good time.

EARLY VOTING/HOME PAC

If you haven't already voted, please get out and do so. As a reminder, HOME PAC is heavily supporting the Temple ISD School Bond with a YES vote. In other contested races, they have endorsed Jason Carothers for Belton School Board, Judy Morales for Temple City Council, and Dorothy Powell for Temple School Board.

Stormwater Ordinances

I want to give a special thank you to Michael Newman and Sarah Gardner-Cox from the City for presenting changes in the Erosion/Sedimentation, Post-Construction, and Illicit Discharge ordinances to TABA in April. At the city's request, the Post-Construction ordinance will be delayed a year, but we are very happy with the direction that it is headed. Kudos to Michael, Sarah and the entire team at the City of Temple for their work on the Erosion/Sedimentation and Illicit Discharge ordinances, which will be going to City Council in the very near future. TABA will be supporting these ordinances as they were presented, and it is our hope that our members show up in support for the work that has been done. It's certainly not an easy task balancing the delicate needs of the environment, state requirements, and private property rights, but the city has done an outstanding job and has been very fair to our industry. If you have

any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will let everyone know when the ordinances go in front of the City Council.

City of Temple IRC/IBC

The technical subcommittee met in April and is currently reviewing all changes to the International Residential Code. It is our goal to provide the city with comments by the end of June, to be followed up with adoption of the code changes no later than September 2011. As things presently stand, there are two changes that could have significant cost impact, those being the adoption of window requirements to fit the new .30 SHGC standard, and the requirement for energy efficient lighting. It is unclear when the 2009 standards will be mandated by the State of Texas, but we will likely be requesting a delay in these two items until such time as is required by the state. This will allow manufacturers and distributors the necessary time to switch over to the new requirements.

I also have two commercial construction members working on reviewing changes to the International Building Code. While the impact of these changes may appear minimal on paper, I want to make sure our members have had the opportunity to review and comment on the changes. The International Building Code changes are also slated for no later than September 2011 adoption.

City of Temple Vested Rights/Plat Life

As many of you are aware, Jim H, Mike, and Pat have been working on a Vested Rights/Plat Life Ordinance at the City of Temple for almost 2 years. Jim has done some very heavy lifting on this ordinance, and I am excited to announce that the city is very close to having a draft ordinance completed for City Council review. The GAC team has worked in partnership with Jonathan Graham to insure that both the city's and our members concerns were adequately addressed in this ordinance. Once again, I look forward to seeing our members show up to support this ordinance once it is on the City Council agenda.

City of Temple Unified Development Code

There hasn't been too much action of the Unified Development Code in the last month; however, I would like to congratulate Brian Mabry and family on the birth of their daughter! Hopefully he has been enjoying his new addition, but we are certainly happy to have him back. The UDC Stakeholder committee met for the second time in April to discuss their work list of priorities as the UDC Phase 2 moves forward over the next few years. Discussion included a wide variety of issues on things such as performance based zoning, adding incentives for affordable housing units, and lot size averaging. While it was a good meeting, it is clear that the process is far from complete. The first week of May, the committee will have one additional meeting to finish discussing their work list. Special thanks to Garrett Nordyke of WB Development who has agreed to serve as TABA's 2nd voice on the stakeholder committee. His (and John Kiella's) technical expertise on development issues are going to be invaluable as the UDC Committee moves forward. I will continue to attend all meetings and keep everyone informed of what is going on.

Congressman Carter BBQ

Want a fun event to bring your family to? Our Congressman, John Carter, is holding his "Picnic in the Park", Sunday, May 15th, from 1:00-3:00pm. The location is San Gabriel Park, E Morrow St, Area A. Georgetown, TX. Prices are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples, \$25 for families, and \$250 to be a host committee sponsor. You must RSVP by May 9th by phoning 512-341-2220 or emailing pat@johncarterforcongress.com

We can all be proud of Congressman Carter's support of our industry and his representation for our state. I

encourage everyone to attend!

In closing

I hope you all shared a wonderful Easter weekend with your friends and family. I had the opportunity to fly back to Washington, visit friends, and take my nephews to a Mariners game at Safeco field. Don't worry, they weren't playing the Rangers (and they lost bad!) While I enjoyed my trip back, there's always a special irony in leaving the rain behind and heading home to Texas. Wishing you all a great month ahead.

Blair



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PARADE OF HOMES KICK-OFF PARTY

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011

TIME: 6PM, AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 7PM

LOCATION CHANGE: now at the DEAD FISH GRILL, BELTON

COST: FREE but you **MUST** have a ticket to enter
tickets are limited to the first 250 people and reservations will be taken till Tuesday, May 3rd

Only 2 tickets per company will be allowed due to our availability

Please call the office at 254-773-0445 or email to cheryl@tahb.org to order your tickets. Tickets will be mailed and you **MUST** have a ticket to enter the party

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ANNUAL TABA GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, JUNE 27TH
WILDFLOWER COUNTRY CLUB



Our Annual TABA Golf tournament will be held at Wildflower Country Club with a shotgun start at 1pm. Lunch will be served and food and beverages will be plentiful throughout the day. We are currently in need of sponsors for our tournament and have 3 levels in which to participate.

Title Sponsors (*only 1 left*) \$1200 - your company logo will appear on the golf registration form as well as a banner hung at the clubhouse. You will also receive one team entry.

Tee Box Sponsors (only 18 available) \$300 - your company's golf sign will appear on your tee box (no other signs will be allowed on that tee box), you also can set a table top at your tee box if you wish.

Hole Sponsors (unlimited) \$100 - your golf sign will appear on a hole at the golf course.

All sponsors will be mentioned in the June and July newsletters. If you are interested in sponsoring the golf tournament, please call the TABA office at 254-773-0445 or email Cheryl Hunka at cheryl@tahb.org.

The tournament is a 4-man scramble and the entry fee is \$135 per player or \$540 per team. You may put your own team together or if you wish, the TABA golf committee can place you on a team. Please [click here for the entry form](#), fill it out and return it to TABA with the proper payment. We do accept MC or Visa. We are limited to the first 100 players so please get your entries in early to guarantee space. If you have any questions regarding our tournament please contact the TABA office.

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5th Annual TABA Reverse Raffle

The annual TABA Reverse Raffle is scheduled for Friday, July 22nd at the KC Hall. 240 original tickets to be sold prior to the event. At check-in the holder of an original ticket will have the opportunity to purchase a second chance ticket for \$50. These are available ONLY at the door and ONLY to those holding an original ticket. Only 1 second chance ticket can be purchased per original ticket held. Prizes are being decided but there will be 10 of them. Tickets should be ready for sale mid-May so be on the lookout for updating emails from TABA. Tickets will be sold by members of the Reverse Raffle Committee, the TABA Board of Directors and the TABA office. We expect that tickets will sell fast as they do every year so don't wait to purchase yours!!

Be watching for more information to come!

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NEW HOME STARTS

	Apr '11	Apr '10	'11 YTD	'10 YTD
Temple	41	36	130	145
Belton	3	6	25	22
Morgan's Point	1	0	4	0

Totals	45	42	159	167
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Note: this data represents a compilation of the statistics that are reported by the Temple Daily Telegram every Sunday.

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

Apr '11	60	'11 YTD	350
Apr '10	182	'10 YTD	540

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